

**REMARKS**

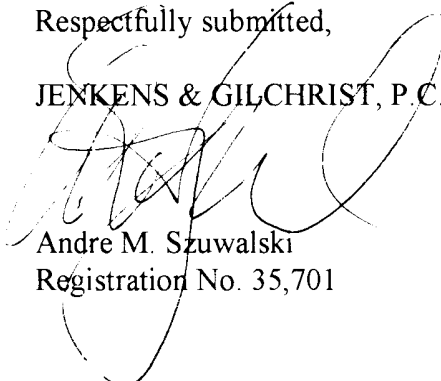
Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-23 remain pending. Claims 1-23 are allowed. Claims 24-41 have been canceled.

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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